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## CHAUTAUQUA WAS SUCCESS

Three Hundred Dollars Lost but Alma Will Bring Attraction Back Next Year.

## HUNDRED SIGNED GUARANTEE

Program This Year Finest Given Since Chautauquas Started In Alma.

The Redpath Chautauqua for 1917 came to a close Tuesday evening with the concert by the famous Creators band, and with its close there was not a person, who had witnessed the previous chautauquas, but who believed that the program of the 1917 chautauqua excelled anything that the city has yet enjoyed, and made the people of Alma determine to have another chautauqua next year.

With the close of the ticket selling this year there seemed to be a question as to whether or not Alma would continue to bring the chautauqua here, as the committee which guaranteed the affair lost \$300.00, which thirty-two men had to put up. The high class of the present chautauqua made the Civic League determined to bring this great attraction to Alma again next year, however, and the ladies started out to secure one hundred signers for the contract and guarantee list for the chautauqua next year. How well the ladies did their work was made public Tuesday evening, when it was announced that the chautauqua would return to Alma, over one hundred people having signed the guarantee list.

The work of the ladies, and the willingness with which the people of Alma went on the guarantee list is a striking example of the desire to bring to Alma, the best possible attractions, all of which will work for the uplifting of the city and its people to a greater or less extent.

The second half of the chautauqua week started Friday afternoon with the concert by Antonio Sala, the Spanish cellist and his assisting artists. A number of highly pleasing selections were rendered by these artists, after which Miss Mayer of Oberammergau in her charming style, gave her famous lecture, "The Passion Play." Her lecture was warmly greeted by the large audience which heard it.

In the evening the Spanish cellist and his assisting artists gave another short, but delightful concert, and then was followed by the Indian princess Watawaso, who gave a most interesting lecture on the Indians. She also sang numerous Indian songs, gave a number of the Indian dances and rendered in her charming way a number of Indian legends, including the one, relating to the origin of her tribe.

Saturday the chautauqua goes had what was probably the finest treat of the entire week, with the Gilbert and Sullivan Opera company. In the afternoon the orchestra of this company gave a concert and in the evening the comic opera, "The Mikado," was presented. Without question "The Mikado" was the finest opera that has ever been seen in Alma, and held the close attention of the audience throughout the entire performance. The cast of thirty people was a strong one, there not being a weak member in the entire cast. The splendid music of the orchestra aided in making "The Mikado" the hit of the week.

Sunday evening an added attraction was given in the person of "Big" Mason, a noted railroad Y. M. C. A. worker, who was on the border last year with our troops. He gave an interesting address on the Y. M. C. A. and its work in the army and navy, and brought home more forcibly than ever the great need which the country has for this organization.

George L. McNutt, the original dinner pail man, was the attraction Monday afternoon with his lecture on "How to Meet the High Cost of Living." The lecture was full of thought for the American people, thousands of whom have heard it of late months. It was an earnest plea for conservation of food at the present time, when America's allies are turning their eyes to this country for foodstuffs.

In the evening under the direction of Miss Katherine Stiles, the Mother Goose festival was given. It gave a keen insight to the possibilities of training young children, Miss Stiles having had just five days in which to train a half hundred youngsters for this festival. It went off without a hitch, and was particularly pleasing to the young people present and also to the older ones. The festival was followed by the lecture of Lieut. Robert Bowman, who has seen considerable service in the great world war. It was well illustrated with pictures taken by Lieut. Bowman on the battle fields on the west front, and had a peculiar interest for Alma people who are about to send many of their sons to Europe, to take part in that great struggle for humanity and democracy.

Tuesday, the last day of the chautauqua brought to Alma, the famous Creators band of nearly a half hun-

dered pieces. Two concerts were given, one in the afternoon and one in the evening. Both were well attended and both thoroughly enjoyed by the Alma public, which is used to good band music, to which it has been educated by the Republic band of forty-five pieces, which makes this city its home.

Mr. Chamberlain, the superintendent of the chautauqua, made a great number of friends in Alma during the week, as did others connected with the management, and it is hoped that they may return to Alma with the chautauqua another year. Mr. Chamberlain announced on the last evening that if it was possible, that the Redpath chautauqua would bring to Alma a still better program in 1918.

## BUMP THE PRICES.

Local dealers in tobacco the first of the week gave cigarettes a big boost in price, the boost having started because of the small profit which dealers secured in these articles. All packages which had retailed at five cents went to seven, the ten cent packages went to thirteen, the fifteen cent one to eighteen and the twenty-five cent packages went to thirty and thirty-five cents.

## END LEAGUE PLAY

## WITH TWO DEFEATS

Republic Ball Tossers Were No Match for Classy Flint League Leaders.

Flint again walked over the Republic ball team Saturday and Sunday, the Saturday game going to the visitors 6 to 3 and the Sunday encounter at Flint being the high score game of the league, Alma being let down 21 to 0, never even getting a hit.

Alma looked like a winner at the start of the Saturday bout, the Truckmakers pounding out three runs in the opening inning of the game, but after that the league leaders stepped down and played fine base ball behind Powers, so that Alma was powerless to come through in the pinches.

Flint opened with a run. Depew hit Pierce. Anderson and Ball cracked out singles scoring him. For Alma Chilton got life on an error. Archer struck out and Hoyt sacrificed. Grodick walked. Green slammed one for three sacks scoring Chilton and Grodick. Lamonte was safe on an error and Green scored.

In the third Flint added three more through the timely aid of a bad decision of the ump. While Depew was laying two men out he walked two. With two strikes and three balls on the batter, Depew grooved one, but his ribs didn't see it and called it a ball, filling the sacks. Lotz cracked the first ball for two sacks, scoring all three men.

In the sixth with two down and two on, Depew was yanked and Highfield went into the game. Bell nailed one for a single, scoring Pierce. In the eighth Wells was safe on an error and then with two down Bell hit again, scoring Wells.

Alma had scoring chances in four innings, other than the first, once having the sacks filled. Twice poor judgment on the sacks cost runs, and twice the Truckmakers ran into double plays, one of which was the result of a bad piece of judgment.

The Sunday game at Flint was a heart breaker for the Republics. Murphy was in rare form and held the locals hitless. Tomer coming the nearest to a hit of any of the Truckmakers.

Errors galore aided Flint, and poor fielding judgment gave them hits on what should have been outs. Peterson who started pitching for Alma was wild as possible and Grodick who succeeded him, was better, but not very effective.

Saturday Game.

	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Chilton, 2nd	4	1	1	1	0	0
Archer, 3rd	4	0	1	2	0	0
Hoyt, 1st	3	0	0	10	1	1
Grodick, ss	3	1	1	4	3	1
Green, c	4	1	1	4	0	0
Lamonte, lf	4	0	1	0	0	0
Peterson, m	4	0	1	0	0	0
Uppigrah, rf	3	0	1	0	0	0
Depew, p	2	0	0	0	1	0
Highfield, p	1	0	0	0	1	0

Flint.

	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Wells, ss	3	2	0	2	4	0
Pierce, 2nd	3	2	1	3	4	0
T. Anderson 1	5	0	2	11	0	0
Bell, m	4	1	3	2	1	0
Trefry, lf	4	1	1	2	0	0
Lotz, 3rd	5	0	1	0	1	1
Winstear, rf	5	0	1	2	0	0
B. Anderson, c	5	0	0	3	0	0
Powers, p	5	0	1	2	0	0

Umpire—Vickers.

	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.			
Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Flint	1	0	3	0	0	1	0	1	0
Alma	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3

Three base hit: Green. Two base hit: Archer. Sacrifice hit: Hoyt. Hits off Depew 3; off Highfield 2. Struck out by Depew 3; by Highfield 0; by Powers 3. Bases on balls: off Depew 4; off Highfield 1; off Powers 1.

Sunday Game.

	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.			
Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Republics	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Flint	7	5	6	1	0	2	1	1	0

Batteries: Peterson, Grodick and Green; Murphy and B. Anderson.

## FIVE INJURED IN ACCIDENT

Speeding Automobile Hit Bump and Was Overturned When Brakes Were Applied.

## LUCKY TO ESCAPE DEATH

It Is Expected That All Five of the Injured Will Recover From The Accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stone, residing at 502 Pine and Mr. and Mrs. Willard Rowe and daughter Elaine of Ithaca were seriously injured Monday night when Mr. Stone's automobile in which they were riding, went into a ditch, after hitting a bad bump in the road, about half way to Ithaca.

It seems that the car was traveling at a high rate of speed at the time, owing to a desire to get into Ithaca ahead of Gilbert Genesta, who also headed for Ithaca at the same time, and was right behind in his speed car. They were apparently traveling on a good road, but suddenly the car hit a bad bump, which sent the car to the side of the road. Mr. Stone quickly threw on the brakes, and the immediate catching of the brakes at this speed sent the car over and over, three times, the car landing upside down and headed towards Alma, on its final turn.

As near as can be ascertained the entire party was thrown from the automobile, when it was turning over, which fact alone probably accounts for their coming out of the accident alive.

All of the injured were brought to Alma as quickly as possible and taken to the Stone residence at 502 Pine street, and two nurses and three or four doctors immediately called.

Mrs. Stone was found to have suffered concussion of the brain, a broken jaw and the fingers of her right hand were nearly severed. Her teeth were all knocked out and she also suffered from numerous minor injuries, as did every one of the five.

Mrs. Rowe received a badly wrenched back, and suffered from a number of other minor strains.

Mr. Stone had three ribs and his left shoulder broken. His face was badly lacerated, and his right hand badly hurt.

Four year old Elaine Rowe suffered from a broken left leg.

Mr. Rowe proved to be the luckiest member of the party, the extent of his injuries being cuts and bruises, which however covered his body and will keep him confined to his bed for some little time.

Mr. Stone formerly had charge of the local office of the Central Michigan Light & Power company, and Mr. Rowe is the present manager of these offices.

The latest reports are to the effect that all of the five are doing nicely, and they are all considered well on the road to recovery.

Final Chapter of "Pearl of the Army"—Monday.—Adv.

## FOOD BILL PASSED.

After Weeks of Oratory Bill Has Passed Senate.

Following the passage of the food bill by the United States senate yesterday, President Woodrow Wilson tomorrow will sign the measure and it will become a law, which will give the president the most unusual powers to bring American war efficiency to a high plane.

The vote in the senate stood 66 to 7, four republicans and three democrats voting against the measure. With the signing of the bill Friday President Wilson will appoint Herbert Hoover as food administrator, and immediate operation under the legislation is expected to follow.

Thirty days after the bill is signed it becomes unlawful to use foodstuffs in the manufacture of distilled beverages or to import such beverages, thus making the nation virtually dry, except for beer and wines. The president is empowered to commandeer distilled beverages for military purposes, and to regulate the use of foods in the manufacture of wines and beer.

The bill gives the president power to control the food, feeds, fuel, including oil and natural gas, farm machinery and tools. It allows the president to license business and plants and to revoke these licenses; it empowers the president to control and take over and operate coal mines, through the federal trade commission; authorizes him to punish for the hoarding or destruction of foodstuffs; allows him to close stock exchanges in order to prevent speculation; authorizes him to requisition supplies for the army and navy; authorizes him to buy, store and sell wheat, flour, meat, beans and potatoes, and allows him to take over factories, packing houses, pipe lines, mines or other plants and operate them.

It gives to Wilson a great power and places in his hands the power to acquire almost anything that may be needed to strengthen America's chances to win in the great world war.

## TAKE AGENCY HERE.

Mt. Pleasant Men Form Gratiot Motor Sales Company.

The Gratiot Motor Sales company has been organized for the handling of the Dodge automobile in this city, and the Redman block on Gratiot avenue, south of the city hall has been secured as the salesroom of the new Alma concern.

Mr. Martin Naumes of Mt. Pleasant is the owner of the Gratiot Motor Sales company and Warren E. Somers, also of that city, will be the manager of the company in this city. Mr. Naumes also has the sales agency in Mt. Pleasant for the Dodge automobile.

## DRAFT BOARDS HAVE

HAD TASTE OF DRAFT.

Members of Draft Boards Have Been Asked to Serve for Duration of the War.

The draft board of Gratiot county, consisting of Sheriff Bradford, Dr. Wheeler and C. F. Brown, as well as the other draft boards of the county have a big job on their hands, the government having practically drafted the draft boards for the duration of the war.

The smile that was present, when the members thought how soon their work would be over, has gone, and these faces are covered with frowns, at the thought of the great work which probably lies ahead of them in aiding the country select its young men for military duty.

Those long envelopes, marked of official business, came the latter part of last week from the war department, carrying the message that the drafters were drafted.

It had been feared that many members of boards throughout the country would resign, and hence the drafting of the draft boards. Notice has been served upon them that resignations from the board will not be accepted except in extraordinary cases, and the chances are that there will be few resignations, as the government will probably find that few of those who may desire to resign, have extraordinary cases.

Is the other woman to blame? See "The Neglected Wife"—Idlehour Monday.—Adv.

## WHOLESALE GROCERY.

Symons Wholesale Grocery Buys Property For Building.

The Symons Wholesale Grocery company, one of the largest institutions of its kind in Michigan, which has large wholesale houses in Lansing, Flint and Saginaw, closed a deal this morning, whereby it has come into possession of the old Sloan property on Wright avenue, just south of the Ann Arbor freight depot, where a large wholesale house is to be erected at once.

It is understood that it is the intention of the company to build a building of three stories, with about one hundred foot frontage on Wright avenue, but the report could not be verified before going to press, as no agent of the company was in the city and Attorney Charles Goggin, who put through the deal, was in Saginaw on the matter.

## IMPROVE PARK.

Civic League Still Hot After Action in Regard to Park.

A word to the wise is sufficient and this word from the Civic League we hope will have a salutary effect. The park needs some attention to make it possible for play or picnics. In other words to make it a suitable "Public Park." And would it not be money in our pockets in the long run, if a traffic officer who received sufficient pay to insure a properly discharged duty, be employed for the downtown districts? And the sprinkling! Alma is too nice a town to be subjected to such a germ laden dusting as it has had lately. Thanks to the elements we are washed clean for a spell. City Fathers, get busy before another dry season gets the start of you!

—Signed—Civic League.

## FARMER DEAD.

William G. Washburn, Father of Bank Cashier Died Saturday.

William G. Washburn, a farmer living a couple miles from this city, died very suddenly last Saturday morning, while working on his farm. He was 68 years of age.

Mr. Washburn was born near Pontiac, Michigan, April 4, 1849, and lived there until 1892 when he moved with his family to Gratiot county, and located on a farm near Alma.

He is survived by his wife, an aged father, and four daughters, Mrs. Charles Murphy, Mrs. Frank Cross, Mrs. Malen Cross and Mrs. Frank Parker, and one son, Carl H. Washburn.

The funeral was held from the farm home Tuesday afternoon, Rev. T. G. R. Brownlow, officiating and interment was made in Riverside cemetery.

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## TO SUB-DIVIDE A LARGE TRACT

Alma Development Company Will Sub-Divide Two Hundred Acres of Land.

## TWO FARMS WERE PURCHASED

New Alma Concern Has Mile of Frontage on Michigan Ave. to City Limits.

The Alma Development Company, limited, which was recently organized in this city, has taken a big step this week in aiding the city in the process of development, by the purchase of nearly two hundred acres of land, which is to be sub-divided at once.

The company closed a deal whereby it has come into possession of the Morris farm on the south side of Michigan avenue to the east of the Kensington Heights sub-division, and the Colburn farm on the north side of Michigan avenue, beyond the Ruggles property.

Both farms extend to the city limits on Michigan avenue on the St. Louis road, and give this company a mile frontage on this street, which is certain to become a popular street, as the city's development continues. The purchase of this property also gives the company the entire south bank of Pine River from the Ruggles property east to the city limits.

It is the intention of the company to sub-divide this property at once and make it into a high class sub-division, with boulevard streets, sidewalks, shade trees, sewers and water mains. Houses are to be built and sold on the easy payment plan.

The purchase of this property puts this new company into possession of over two hundred and twenty acres of ground, for sub-division purposes. It purchased the Kensington Heights sub-division at the time of its organization a few weeks ago, Kensington Heights is a plot of forty acres in the eastern part of the city and is being rapidly developed.

Is the other woman to blame? See "The Neglected Wife"—Idlehour Monday.—Adv.

## LEAGUE HELPED.

Civic League Did Great Work for the Chautauqua.

The chautauqua for 1917 is already a thing of the past, but the results are better and loftier than we had dreamed, and the very name chautauqua means more to us than ever before. The splendid lectures! Wakening us to higher and better thoughts. The inspiring music! Lifting us up and away from commonalities. The wonderful entertainments, which a large majority of Alma people could never have hoped to enjoy, had they not come to us. We can not speak too highly of the new feature, the "Community Singing." It was thrilling to listen to "America" raised in song by a thousand voices, but it was a glorious privilege to have been one of the thousand. It is therefore a foregoing conclusion that Alma needs the summer chautauqua.

The Civic League, with usual foresight, appreciates this fact to the extent that this organization has become responsible for the success and has secured over 100 guarantors for the season of 1918. The league has gone a step farther, and has turned back into this channel, the proceeds accruing from the sale of tickets in 1914 and 15, to the amount of \$176.00, to meet the present deficit, and this will be divided among the guarantors who were losers this summer. It is well understood that the one grand ambition of the league is a Public Library for Alma, and that every penny saved is deposited to that end, but we are more than glad to indulge in this bit of reciprocity, in order to make chautauqua an absolutely sure thing for 1918. The league takes this opportunity of thanking all who assisted in any capacity at the "Big Tent," to all who sold tickets or distributed literature.—Contributed.

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## COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Alma, Mich., August 7, 1917. Regular meeting of the Common Council of the city of Alma, in session at Council Chambers on above date.

Mayor Hon. Ira H. McKinney at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present Aldermen: Fullerton and Lake.

Absent Aldermen: McConkey, Knottner, Glass, Adams, Ogden and Ward.

There not being a quorum present, Alderman Fullerton moves the council adjourn to Thursday evening, August 9, 1917, at 8 o'clock p. m., supported by Alderman Lake. Motion carried.

CARL E. GALLAGHER, City Clerk.

Return engagement—"Fatty" Arbuckle in "A Reckless Romeo"—Idlehour Wednesday.—Adv.

## SAGINAW RACES.

Alma Men Will Enter Auto Races In Saginaw.

Auto race enthusiasts all over eastern Michigan are talking about the championships that will be decided on the fast Saginaw track Sunday, August 19, and from the number of drivers that have already entered their cars there will be no lack of competition. Four Alma drivers are considering going in from this city. Bay City is sure to have four cars in the races, Flint has three entered and four more coming and Owosso, Midland, Yassar and Mt. Pleasant are getting cars in shape to compete on the Saginaw track.

There have been a number of purely local auto race meets on the different tracks in eastern Michigan, this year, but nothing that will compare with the Saginaw meeting in point of number of cars entered, prizes hung up or the importance of the race to the winners.

There will be seven auto events and one or two special features that are being developed but which are not ready for announcement. The Alma drivers who have entered are Howard Hoyt in an Overland Special B, Paul Tanner in a Studebaker and Gilbert Genesta in a Genesta Special.

## LARGE CROWD SAW

SOME FAST RACING

Matinee of Alma Driving Club Thursday Fast From Start to the Finish.

The races staged by the Alma Driving club last Thursday at the driving park north of the city were highly successful, good time being made in all of the events and a good crowd, estimated at over seven hundred people, taking in the matinee.

It is not known just how soon the club will stage another matinee as many of the local horses, which have been appearing every two weeks on the local course will be entered in the county fair races through this section this month. Among these will be the matinee at Mt. Pleasant Thursday, the one at St. Louis Saturday, and the fairs at Ionia, Owosso, Ithaca and Greenville. Those who will enter their horses at these affairs are Hyde with Fair to Medium, Rohr with Ponchartrai and Montana Wood, Eckert with Peter B. and Jessie B. and Erwin with Bunkers-Hill. Hoyt, Borton and Struble will also be at the automobile races with their cars at Mt. Pleasant today.

## Free-For-All

Montana Wood.....Rohr 1-1-2-1  
Fair to Medium.....Hyde 3-2-1-1  
Bunker Hill.....Erwin 2-3-3-3  
Diller L.....Alger 4-4-4-4  
Time 2:21 1/2; 2:18; 2:19 1/2; 2:17 1/2; 2:25 Pace.

Ponchartrai.....Rohr 3-2-1-1  
Jennison.....Hyde 2-Drawn  
Russell Thoroughbred.....Ury 1-1-2-2  
Nora Belle.....Hopkins 4-3-3-3  
Time 1:11; 1:11; 1:10; 1:09.

## Auto Races, Three Mile Heats.

First preliminary: Genesta of Alma, Hoyt in Overland from Alma and a Cadillac entered from Clare. Hoyt won with Cadillac, second. Second preliminary: Borton of Alma in Chevrolet first, Struble with Ford, second and Maier with Buick, third.

In the finals the cars finishing first and second in the preliminaries started on a five mile race. Borton and Hoyt went neck and neck to the eighth lap, when Borton was forced to drop out because of piston trouble. Hoyt won, with Claude Struble in a Ford second. The Cadillac from Clare finished third. The time for the five miles was 6:55.

## FREE RACES.

Horse, Auto and Motorcycle Races in St. Louis Saturday.

In connection with the opening of the City View subdivision in St. Louis Saturday, which is the old driving park there, horse, automobile and motorcycle races will be held, starting at 1:30 p. m.

The horse races will consist of the free-for-all and a novelty race. The automobile races will consist of elimination races of three miles and a final of five miles. A five mile motorcycle race will also be held. There will be special prizes for the slowest half mile on high gear for stock cars of all makes, a prize for the greatest number of adults coming in a five or seven passenger car, and a prize for the Republic truck which brings the greatest number.

## WOMEN'S SERVICE.

National League Arranging to Organize Groups for Work.

The National league for women's service is arranging to organize groups of ten or more girls with a woman leader for each group, to assist in food conservation and canning in different parts of Michigan.

These food reserve corps are composed of college women, teachers, homemakers and wage earning women. The latter, if dependent upon wages for a living, are being given the preference. The work is understood to be a definite patriotic service as the output of the large canning factories will go for the larger part to the government to aid in feeding our soldiers and sailors and the allies.

## DRAFT BOARD IS NOW EXAMINING

One Hundred and Fifty Claimed Exemption First Day of Examinations.

## FEW CLAIMED NO EXEMPTION

Harold Redman of Alma First Man to Pass Examination and Waive All Claims.

Some interesting figures have come from the Gratiot county draft board following the first day's work in the offices of Dr. Carney in this city.

Starting at eight o'clock Wednesday morning the board started work, with 175 young men between the ages of twenty-one and thirty-one called for examination, and for a greater part of the day the board was rushed to the limit with work, with four doctors assisting in the examining of the prospective candidates for the new National army.

Harold Redman of Alma, one of the sons of James Redman, the wholesale grocer, was the first man to be examined by the board. Redman passed his examination with flying colors, and waived all exemption claims and is now the first man accepted for the army in Gratiot county.

Out of the one hundred and sixty-nine men examined there were only twenty-five others who did not put in exemption claims. This seems like a very small number to waive exemption claims, but in many places the number of waive exemptions has been far smaller than in Gratiot county at the end of the first day's work.

One hundred and forty-nine of the men examined placed exemption claims, a greater portion of these being placed by married men, although a few were placed for other reasons.

If the present ratio continues through the entire examination, which still continues today and Friday, the board will have less than one hundred men, at the end of the examination, who do not make exemption claims, or about one-third of the number which is needed to fill the quota